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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GDR FOREIGN MINISTER TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. SUMMARY:

GDR FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER PAID A WELL PUBLICIZED
FOUR DAY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE FROM DECEMBER 11 TO 14. FISCHER MET
WITH PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND SIGNED A CONSULAR TREATY AND A
FISHING ACCORD. END SUMMARY.

2. GDR FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER ACCOMPANIED BY AN
UNDISCLOSED AND UNNAMED NUMBER OF GDR OFFICIALS ARRIVED IN MAPUTO
ON DECEMBER 11 FOR A FOUR DAY VISIT. FISCHER WAS WELCOMED AT
AIRPORT BY MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO, CHIEF
OF PROTOCOL LOPES TEMBE AND MEMBERS OF THE MOZAMBIQUE ARMY GENERAL
STAFF.

3. DURING HIS VISIT, FISCHER MET WITH MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA
MACHEL, WAS HOSTED AT AN OFFICIAL DINNER, VISITED SEVERAL FRELIMO
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SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF THE CAPITAL CITY AND LAID A WREATH AT THE
MONUMENT OF THE HEROES OF MOZAMBIQUE.

4. FISCHER ALSO HELD THREE DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS
FROM THE MINISTRIES OF DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH
RESULTED IN THE SIGNING OF A CONSULAR TREATY AND A FISHING ACCORD.

ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS OF THE TWO ACCORDS WERE GIVEN, FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO WHO SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GPRM TOLD NEWSMEN THAT "THESE TWO ACCORDS ARE NOT QUESTIONS OF PROTOCOL, BUT INSTRUMENTS THAT WILL PERMIT THE DYNIMIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK OF COOPERATION THAT HAS EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES."

5. FISCHER ADDRESSED LOCAL OFFICIALS AND JOURNALISTS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND STRESSED THAT THE TIES OF FRATERNITY, FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE GPRM ARE STRONG AND THAT MOZAMBIQUE AND EAST GERMANY SHARE SIMILAR "POINTS OF VIEW ON THE QUESTIONS OF WAR AND PEACE, NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, DISARMAMENT, SOCIAL PROGRESS AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEOCOLONIALISM, RACISM AND RACIST AGGRESSION." FISCHER ALSO CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA'S SYSTEM OF APARTHIED, SUPPORTED MOZAMBIQUE'S CALL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE, LABELED AS HYPOCRITES THOSE UN MEMBERS WHO CONTINUE TO AID AND CONSORT WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA AND DENOUNCED RHODESIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE. FOR THEIR PART, MOZAMBICAN OFFICIALS PRAISED THE GDR'S PAST AND CURRENT SUPPORT TO FRELIMO AND SAID THAT THE GDR IS A "SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO THE PEOPLES OF MOZAMBIQUE."

6. COMMENT MOZAMBIQUE REGARDS THE "SOCIALIST STATES" (A EUPHEMISM THAT REFERS MORE OFTEN THAN NOT TO THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES) AS ITS NATURAL ALLIES. AS THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICIAL FROM A COMMUNIST STATE TO VISIT MOZAMBIQUE SINCE INDEPENDENCE, FISHER WAS ACCORDED RED CARPET TREATMENT AND REAMS OF LOCAL PUBLICITY. ALTHOUGH LOCAL OFFICIALS DID NOT REVEAL ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE TWO ACCORDS SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THEY PROBABLY PRESAGE AND INCREASE IN GDR ACTIVITY IN MOZAMBIQUE. CURRENTLY GDR INFLUENCE AND ASSISTANCE RANKS THIRD BEHIND THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION'S
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